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A survey of the more important accessions of the Division of Documents during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929

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This account is concerned principally with the acquisition of government publications from foreign countries and from American States and cities.

With reference to the international exchange, through which the greater part of the foreign government publications are received, one of the most important events concerns the relationship with Germany. After the International Library and Bibliographical Congress in Italy, Dr. Adolf Jürgens, of the Reichstauschstelle im Reichsministerium des Innern, and the chief of the division prepared at Berlin the text, in both German and English, of an agreement to regulate in detail the general international exchange of official publications between Germany and the United States. This agreement (printed in the appendix) has since been approved by the Federal Ministry of the Interior, the competent authority on the part of Germany. Despite the extreme decentralization of official printing for the various agencies of the German Federal Government, the Reichstauschstelle has, within the past three years, been making a careful inquiry to determine what official publications are being issued and securing one copy of each as printed for the Library of Congress as the depository on the part of the United States. In addition, the Reichstauschstelle has been able to assist materially in completing our files. In one instance that office was able to secure a complete set of the "Archiv für Post und Telegraphie" from the first volume in 1873 to 1917.

An excellent aid in determining what German official publications are being issued is furnished by the accessions list (Deutsche Amtliche Drucksachen) of the Prussian State Library in Berlin, the first part (1927, January–June) of which was issued during the past

winter. The material is arranged in two groups—(*a*) Federal and State and (*b*) city and local. Dr. Heinrich Feldkamp, the compiler, hopes that this may pave the way to a comprehensive and complete bibliography of German official publications.

At the International Library and Bibliographical Congress, Rome and Venice, June 15–30, 1929, which the chief of this division attended, as a delegate of the American Library Association and of the Bibliographical Society of America, the subject of the general international exchange of official publications attracted some attention. As a result of the discussion by M. Jean Cordey and others, a resolution was adopted at the plenary session on June 29 reading as follows:

> Que la Commission de coopération intellectuelle recherche les bases d'un accord acceptable par tous les pays, même non adhérents aux conventions de Bruxelles, en vue de créer dans chacun d'eux un office chargé d'organiser et de coordonner les échanges de publications littéraires et scientifiques.

To one of the sections of the Congress, Domenico Bartolini, provveditore generale dello Stato, who has charge of the Italian Government printing and publishing, presented a communication entitled "Sulla bibliografia delle pubblicazioni italiane edite dallo Stato o col suo concorso."[24] In this brochure he describes the project of establishing in connection with his office a special archive, or library, of Italian Government publications. Through this archive, which would operate solely as a reference library, it is hoped to fill the lacunae of the past so far as possible, and to avoid them in the future.

From Berlin the chief of the division proceeded to Riga, the capital of Latvia, to Tallinn (Reval), the capital of Estonia, and Helsingfors. At Riga, the Hon. F. W. B. Coleman, American minister to Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, aided greatly in establishing contact with officials of the Latvian Government. The Latvian State Library is very effectively administering a bureau of international exchange. At Tallinn, Harry E. Carlson, the American consul, was unusually helpful. The Es-

[24] Roma, La Libreria dello Stato, 1929. 29 p. 20 cm.

tonian official printing is centralized in the State printing office (Riigi Trükikoda), and it seems desirable that some arrangement be perfected whereby one copy of all issues from that office be sent to the Library of Congress regularly as printed. At Helsingfors the Hon. Alfred J. Pearson, American minister to Finland, assisted materially in establishing contact with various officials. The printing for the Government of Finland seems to be centralized in the Statsrådets Tryckeri. The distribution of departmental publications is controlled by the Statsrådets Publikationsförråd.[25] Distribution of the parliamentary publications is intrusted to the librarian of Parliament. With the completion of the new Parliament Building, the library of Parliament will have ample quarters and probably be able to extend the scope of the international exchange.

Returning from Helsingfors, the chief was at Copenhagen several days investigating the possibility of securing regularly as issued one copy of all Danish official publications. Owing to the decentralization of Government printing, it is difficult to ascertain all the series being issued currently by the Danish Government in its various agencies.[26] The Royal Library at Copenhagen is in receipt of a full set of United States Governmental documents, yet there does not seem to be an agency with authority to requisition regularly one copy of all Danish official publications to be deposited with the Library of Congress. In the Netherlands a similar situation prevailed, until the Royal Library at The Hague, on January 1, 1928, assumed charge of the international exchange service.

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[25] The following catalogues list the publications for sale or distribution by the Statsrådets Publikationsförråd:

(*a*) Katalog. Helsingfors, 1927. 256 p. Issued also in Finnish.

(*b*) Förteckning över kommittébetänkanden och förslag. Helsingfors, 1928. 59 p. Issued also in Finnish.

(*c*) Karttaluettelo, Helsinki, 1929. List of official maps and atlases, issued only in Finnish.

(*d*) Förteckning över Finlands officiella statistik. Helsingfors, 1928. 64 p. Finnish edition (64 p.) bound at end.

[26] A brief list as of 1924 is included on pp. 21–26 of "Danmarks statistik, statistiske meddelelser," 4. raekke, 73. bind, 6. haeft. A chronological checklist of Government commission reports, 1839-1928, is printed on pp. 34–46 of the 1928 supplement to the catalogue of the Rigsdagens Bibliotek.

Several improvements have been made in the international exchanges tending to facilitate the prompt receipt of current material, which is one of the necessary features of good reference service.

The French Chamber of Deputies, having decided to organize on an extensive basis, the study of foreign legislation and of the activity of the principal parliaments of the world, proposed under the date of June 18, 1928, an immediate exchange of *all* parliamentary documents and records. Beginning with the Seventieth Congress, second session, the bills, reports, and documents, both of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, as well as the slip laws and the daily Congressional Record, have been forwarded regularly by mail through the Smithsonian Institution International Exchange Service. In return, the Chamber of Deputies is sending through the diplomatic pouch to the French Embassy in Washington the following publications as soon as issued: (*a*) The French parliamentary documents "projets, propositions," and "rapports" of both the Chamber and the Senate; (*b*) the "Journal officiel" containing the debates of both chambers as well as the laws and decrees.

In the effort to facilitate the sending of Guatemalan official publications regularly to the Library, Señor Dr. Don Adrián Recinos, minister of Guatemala, applied to his Government. As a result of this application, the Tipografía Nacional at Guatemala City is forwarding regularly one copy of all publications printed. In addition, the Tipografía Nacional supplied the "Memorias" for the Secretarías de estado, 1922–1928 (inclusive), the "Recopilación de las leyes de la República de Guatemala," tomo XXXIV–XLI (1915/16–1922/23), the "Diario de las sesiones de la Asamblea legislativa de la República," tomo I–IV, March 15, 1924–May 31, 1927. Beyond making the request to his Government, the minister of Guatemala presented a number of books and pamphlets, including his "Lecciones de filosofía" (2.a edición, 1921), his edition of "Poesias de José Batres Montúfar," the "Código civil de la República, libro primero, 1926," and

the "Diario de las sesiones de la Asamblea constituyente de 1879 reimpreso por acuerdo de la comisión de regimen interior de la Asamblea constituyente de 1927."

The Hon. Jefferson Caffery, American minister to Colombia, reported that the Minister of Foreign Affairs of that Republic has recently sent a circular to the principal official entities of that Government to request them to place the name of the Library of Congress on their mailing list in order that the publications of said entities may be punctually transmitted in the future. In addition, the Ministry of Foreign Relations collected and sent a number of the "Memorias" and the "Codificación nacional de todas las leyes de Colombia desde el año de 1821, hecha conforme a la ley 13 de 1912," volumes 1–12 (1821–1847), printed at Bogota, 1924–1928.

For Bolivia the Librarian of the Congreso Nacional is assuming the burden of the international exchange. Already he has supplied a considerable collection of "Memorias" and proceedings of Congress, including especially the following, which, for the most part, represent bodies having the dual functions of legislation and revision of the constitution:

Redactor de la Cámara de representantes de 1834. La Paz, 1919–20. 2 vols.

Redactor del H. Senado nacional de 1840. La Paz, 1926.

Redactor de la H. Convención nacional de 1843. La Paz, 1923.

Redactor del H. Congreso constitucional de 1844. La Paz, 1924.

Redactor del H. Senado nacional de 1844. La Paz, 1926. 2 vols.

Redactor de la Cámara de representantes de 1844, Tomo I. La Paz, 1926.

Redactores de los Congresos constitucional de 1846 y extraordinarios de 1847 y 1848. La Paz, 1924.

Redactor de la H. Convención nacional de 1850–51. La Paz, 1924.

Redactor de la Convención nacional de 1851 y de sus sesiones extraordinarios en el mismo año. La Paz, 1925.

Redactores de los Congresos extraordinarios constitucional de 1854 y 1855. La Paz, 1925.

Redactor de la Asamblea constituyente de 1861. La Paz, 1926.

Redactor de la Asamblea constituyente de 1871. La Paz, 1927.

Redactor de la Asamblea constitucional de 1872. La Paz, 1927.

Redactor de la Asamblea extraordinario de 1873. La Paz, 1927.

Through the fortunate opportunity of the trip of Señor Don Juan Riaño y Gayangos to Brazil, Uruguay, Argentine Republic, Chile, Peru and Ecuador, some progress has been made toward completing certain of our more important files.

Through the assistance of the American ambassador to Brazil, he visited personally at Rio de Janeiro the Ministries of Relações exteriores, Guerra, Justiça, Interior, Fazenda, Marinha, and Agricultura, the Directorias of Estatistica Commercial, Contabilidade, and Saúde Publica, the Camara dos Deputados, Senado, Banco de Brasil, Diario Oficial, Archivo Nacional, and Repartição geral dos telegrafos, leaving in each instance a list of desiderata. As a result of these visits a number of important publications have been received. From the Chamber of Deputies came (*a*) the "Annaes," 1830, 1833, 1835, 1843, 1850, 1854, 1856, 1878, and 1910 to 1922, (*b*) "Documentos parlamentares, revisão constitucional, Rio de Janeiro," 1927–28, 5 volumes, and (*c*) "Livro do centenario da Camara dos deputados (1826–1926)," Rio de Janeiro, 1926, 3 volumes. The ministries mentioned above sent many "Relatorios." In addition, the Ministerio da fazenda supplied (*a*) "Codigo de contabilidade da União," 1928, (*b*) "Projecto de codigo aduaneiro," 1928, (*c*) "Historico dos impostos de consumo, por Severiano de Andrade Cavalcanti," 1924, and (*d*) "Historico da divida externa federal, por Jacob Cavalcanti," 1923, the two latter works having been issued in commemoration of the first centenary of Brazilian independence.

From Uruguay the activity of the consultant in Hispanic literature resulted in the acquisition of (*a*) "Código civil," 1925, (*b*) "Código de procedimiento civil," 1920, (*c*) "Código penal y código de instrucción criminal," 1920, (*d*) "Código de comercio," 1925, and various other publications.

As a consequence of his visit to Buenos Aires the Comision Protectora de Bibliotecas Populares furnished 35 volumes needed to complete various series. At the same time the information was communicated through

diplomatic channels that hereafter the above-mentioned commission would furnish to the Library of Congress all the publications of the Argentine Government regularly as issued.

Among the many volumes received from Spain through Mr. Vance's effort there in November, 1927, may be mentioned (*a*) "Actas de las Cortes de Castilla publicadas por acuerdo del Congresso de los Diputados," volumes 30–32, 34–46, and (*b*) the "Presupuestos generales del estado," various volumes from 1872–73 to 1922–23. The situation of the Spanish International Exchange Service apparently remains the same; that is, it has no authority to requisition official publications from the various departments for transmission through the international exchange.

In China, Mr. T. L. Yuan, director of the Metropolitan Library, Peking, formerly in charge of the international exchange service for that Government, has been most persistent in his efforts to secure current official publications for the Library of Congress. At the present time it appears that by decision of the State Council of the Nationalist Government the Ministry for Foreign Affairs at Nanking has been placed in charge of the exchange of publications.

From the Government of the Dutch East Indies, Coert du Bois, American consul general at Batavia, was able to secure from the topographic service a full series of the maps of the Dutch East Indies, amounting to 2,738 sheets. In return, a complete set of the maps issued by the United States Geological Survey has been assembled and forwarded to the topographic service.

Among other notable accessions during the year may be mentioned the following:

AUSTRIA. From the Nationalrat the "Stenographische Protokolle des Herrenhauses des Reichsrathes" and the "Stenographische Protokolle über die Sitzungen des Hauses der Abgeordneten des Reichsrathes" for the first three sessions, 1861–1865, needed to complete our files.

Through the intervention of the Federal Office of Statistics: "Stenographische Sitzungs-Protokolle der Delegationen des Reichsrates," 35th, 36th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42d, 44th,

45th, 46th, 48th, and 49th sessions, 1899–1914, and the "Generalregister zu den Stenographischen Protokollen der Delegationen, I–XLV Session, 1868–1911, Wien, 1912." The Delegation of the Reichsrat was the Austrian section of the joint parliament for the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy.

BELGIUM. From the Belgian provinces of East Flanders, West Flanders, Liége, Limbourg, Luxemburg, and Namur, considerable additions have been made to the collection of "Procès-verbaux des séances du Conseil provincial" and of "Exposé de la situation administrative fait par la Députation permanente du Conseil provincial," including especially for Liége and Luxemburg the "Procès-verbaux" for the first sessions of the provincial general councils in 1836 (Loi provinciale, April 30, 1836). Also, for Luxemburg and Namur the volumes of "Procès-verbaux" covering the sessions of the provincial general council during the military occupation, 1914–1918, were obtained.

BIHAR and ORISSA. Through the Ministry of Education of the Government of Bihar and Orissa, the "Catalogue of the Arabic and Persian manuscripts in the Oriental Public Library at Bankipore," Calcutta, 1908–1928, vol. 1–12 and 14.

BOLIVIA. From the American Legation at La Paz: "La Misión Kemmerer en Bolivia. Proyectos e informes presentados al Supremo Gobierno. Edición oficialmente autorizada al Sr. Dr. Francisco Mendoza." La Paz, 1927, 443 p. 26 cm. "Edición especialmente autorizada, por Decreto Supremo de 11 de julio de 1927, al Dr. Francisco Mendoza, miembro de la Comisión informativa de la Misión Kemmerer."

CANADA. Capt. F. Cummins, Ottawa, secretary to the joint committee of naval, military, and air force officers publishing the "Canadian Defense Quarterly," presented a file of that journal from Vol. I (1923–24) to date.

CHINA. Through diplomatic channels, the record of the conference held in pursuance of Article II of the Washington treaty of February 6, 1922, relating to Chinese customs tariff, entitled: "The Special Conference on the Chinese customs tariff. (October, 1925–April, 1926), Peking, 1928," iv, 629 p.

CHINESE PROVINCES. *Chekiang.* Chao Wen-jui, commissioner of foreign affairs for the Province of Chekiang presented through the American consulate general at Shanghai, the following publications in Chinese:

(*a*) Special work in commemoration of the third anniversary of the leader's death.

(*b*) Compilation of the existing regulations and rules of the Chekiang provincial government. 2 vol.

(*c*) Minutes of the meetings of the Chekiang provincial political council and the Chekiang branch political council of the Central political council. 1 vol.

(*d*) Minutes of the meetings of the Chekiang provincial government. 3 vol.

(*e*) Chekiang sheng cheng-fu kung-pao (Chekiang provincial gazette), January 4, 1929, to date.

Shansi.

His Excellency Yen Hsi-Shan, Governor of Shansi, sent copies of the following publications in Chinese:

(*a*) Village administration.

(*b*) Public affairs digest.

COLOMBIA. Official gazettes are now being received currently from six of the fourteen departments and from the largest of the three intendencias, as follows:

Atlantico: Atlantico, organo oficial, Barranquilla.

Caldas: Caldas, gaceta departmental, Manizales.

Cauca: Registro oficial, Popayán.

Chocó (Int.): Chocó, gaceta oficial de la intendencia, Quibdó.

Santander Norte: Gaceta departmental del Norte de Santander, organo oficial de la gobernación, San José de Cucuta.

Santander Sur: Gaceta de Santander, organo de publicidad de los actos del gobierno departmental, Bucaramanga.

Valle del Cauca: El Valle, gaceta departmental, Cali.

CUBA. From Sr. José Manuel Carbonell y Rivero, president of the Academia nacional de artes y letras, the following work published under the auspices of the Cuban Government in honor of the 6th International American Conference held at Havana:

"Evolución de la cultura Cubana (1608–1927). Vol. I–XVIII . . . Recopilación dirigida, prologada y anotada por José Manuel Carbonell y Rivero (Edición oficial)." La Habana, 1928. 18 vol. 27 cm.

DANUBE RIVER COMMISSIONS. From the Commission internationale du Danube at Vienna, a series of "Le Danube international, journal de la Commission internationale du Danube," première année No. 1 to troisième année, No. 8, April, 1920–December, 1922. The commission, formerly called the Commission Interalliée du Danube, was established under article 331 of the treaty of Versailles and under the treaties of Saint-Germain-en-Laye, of Trianon and of Neuilly.

From the "Commission Européenne du Danube" at Galatz, Rumania, a complete collection of its Bulletin from the beginning in August, 1924. Under article 346 of the treaty of Versailles only representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, and Rumania constitute the commission at present.

ECUADOR. From the Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores: "Exposición sobre el tratado de límites de 1916 entre el Ecuador y Colombia y análisis jurídico del tratado de límites de 1922 entre Colombia y el Peru, por A. Muñoz Vernaza," [Quito], 1928, 102, viii p. 23 cm.

FRANCE. The three series of the "Annales maritimes et coloniales," published with the approval of the Ministry of Marine and Colonies, 1816–1847, have been acquired by purchase.

From the Departments of Eure, Haute Savoie, Isère, La Manche, Nord, Oisé, Puy de Dome, Seine-et-Oise, Seine-Inférieure, and the Somme have been received considerable collections of the departmental "Procès-verbal des délibérations du Conseil général et rapport du Préfet," needed to complete files. For the Nord, which was occupied during the World War, the extraordinary session of October, 1918, marks the first return of the Conseil général to Lille, the capital of the Department after four years' separation. For the Somme, the first ordinary session 1918 of the Conseil général sat at Abbeville and not at Amiens, the capital of the Department, due to the exigencies of war.

FRENCH COLONIES. Beginning with 1929, official gazettes as mentioned herewith are being received currently through the courtesy of the local colonial authorities:

Cameroon: Journal officiel des territoires du Cameroun, Yaoundé.

Dahomey: Journal officiel de la colonie du Dahomey, Porto-Novo.

French Guinea: Journal officiel de la Guinée française, Conakry.

French Oceania: Journal officiel des établissements français de l'Océanie, Papeete.

French Somaliland: Journal officiel de la Côte française des Somalis, edited at Djibouti and published in Paris.

Ivory Coast: Journal officiel de la Côte d'Ivoire, Bingerville.

Reunion: Journal & bulletin officiel de l'île de la Réunion, Saint-Denis.

Togo: Journal officiel du territoire du Togo placé sous le mandat de la France, Lomé.

Both Cameroon and Togo have an especial interest, being territories administered under mandate approved by the League of Nations in 1922.

FRENCH INDO-CHINA. From M. Paul Boudet, Directeur des Archives et des Bibliothèques de l'Indochine at Hanoï a collection of the "Journal officiel de l'Indo-Chine Française," 1902–1917, and later the "Bulletin Administratif du Tonkin," 1903 to February, 1928.

From the Service de législation et d'administration du Gouvernement Général de l'Indochine, Hanoï, the complete collection in seven volumes of the "Recueil général de la législation et de la règlementation de l'Indochine."

ICELAND. Professor Finnbogason of the Landsbókasafn at Reykjavik, assisted materially in extending our files of Icelandic

official publications, furnishing, among other things, the following:

(*a*) Stjórnartíðindi (law collection), 1908–1915, 1920, 1922–1927.

(*b*) Althingstidindi (parliamentary proceedings), 1912–1919, 1922–1924, 1927.

(*c*) Lögbirtingablad (official gazette), vol. 1–20, 1908–1927.

JOHORE. From this unfederated Malay state the following series have been acquired:

(*a*) "Johore government gazette," vol. 2–17, 1912–1917.

(*b*) "Minutes of the meetings of the Council of State, 1919–1926.

(*c*) "Johore annual reports, 1912–1923, 1926."

LATVIA. From the State Library: "Recueil des principaux traités conclus par le Lettonie avec les pays étrangères, 1918–1928. Publié par le Ministère des affaires étrangères sous la direction de G. Albat. I. Riga, 1928, "viii, 546, [1] p. 26 cm.

To be completed in a second volume and supplemented by annual volumes.

MEXICO. From the Dirección de arqueologia, Secretaría de educación pública, the four volumes issued in 1928 as "contribución de México al XXIII Congreso de americanistas:"

(1) "Estudio arquitectónico comparativo de los monumentos arqueológicos de México, por Ignacio Marquina."

(2) "Estudio arquitectónico de las ruinas Mayas; Yucatan y Campeche, por Federico E. Mariscal."

(3) "Estado actual de los principales edificios arqueológicos de México."

(4) "En los confines de la selva Lacandona, exploraciones en el estado de Chiapas, Mayo–Agosto, 1926, Enrique Jean Palacios."

From Señor Rafael Heliodoro Valle of the Departamento de bibliotecas, Secretaría de educación pública, in February 1929, 61 publications including a number of brochures issued in small editions and difficult to secure.

MINAS GERAES STATE, BRAZIL. From the Serviço de estatistica geral de Minas Geraes at Bello Horizonte, the following publications of the state Congress:

(*a*) "Annaes do Senado Mineiro," 1891–92, 1894–1912, 1914–1926.

(*b*) "Synopse dos trabalhos do Senado Mineiro," 1891–1926 (with exception of 1893).

(*c*) "Annaes da Camara dos deputados," 1921–1926.

(*d*) "Relatorio e synopse dos trabalhos da Camara dos deputados," 1919–1926.

NEWFOUNDLAND. Acquired through the intercession of the late Sir Patrick T. McGrath, president of the Legislative Council, the "Journal of the House of Assembly of Newfoundland,"

1907–1927, inclusive. To the Journals are appended the sessional papers which include the reports of the various Government departments.

NICARAGUA. From the Ministry of Foreign Relations: "Obras históricas completas del Licenciado Jéronimo Perez, impresas por disposicion del Excelentisimo Sr. Presidente de la República Don Adolfo Diaz bajo la dirección y con notas del Doctor Pedro Joaquín Chamorro." Managua, Imprenta y encuadernacion nacional, 1928, ix, 854 p.

PANAMA. From Señor Dr. Don Ricardo J. Alfaro, minister from Panama:

(*a*) "Constitución de la República de Panamá, 1904," cover-title, 27 leaves, 32½ cm. Facsimile edition issued by the Government of Panama under the care of Doctor Alfaro at Washington, 1929, to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the promulgation of the constitution.

(*b*) "Código civil de la República de Panamá, anotado, concordado, con la jurisprudencia de la Corte suprema de justicia, con un indice alfabetico y varios apendices. Por Alfonso Correa Garcia." Panama, Imprenta Nacional, 1927. xx, 585, lxxxiii p. 23 cm. The recent Panamanian law on the institution of fideicommissa, which is a Latin and civil law adaptation of the English trust law, appears as appendix to Libro tercero, p. 307-ff. The Republic of Panama is the first Latin country to have incorporated in its civil legislation the principles of the English trust.

PARAGUAY. From the Ministerio de relaciones exteriores: "Libro blanco: documentos relativos a las conferencias de Buenos Aires sobre la cuestion de límites paraguayo-boliviana y algunos antecedentes. 1927–1928." Asunción, Imprenta nacional, 1928. 219 p. 28 cm.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. Through the efforts of the American vice consul at Charlottetown, a collection of the "Royal Gazette for the Province of Prince Edward Island," 1910 to 1927 (with exception of 1911 and 1920), was secured from the office of the provincial secretary.

PRUSSIA. Under the date of June 27, 1928, Dr. H. A. Krüss, General Director of the Preussische Staatsbibliothek, supplied a number of duplicates of Prussian state publications needed to complete files, the following being of particular note:

(*a*) Handbuch über den Königl.-Preuss. Hof und Staat, 1868, 1871 (II), 1873, 1876–1902, 1912.

(*b*) Preussischer Landtag, Abgeordnetenhaus, Stenographische Berichte, 1872–1879.

(*c*) Preussischer Landtag, Herrenhaus, Stenographische Berichte, 1847.

SERBS, CROATS, AND SLOVENES, KINGDOM OF: From the Ministarstvo pošta i telegrafa at Belgrade a complete series of the "Poštansko-telegrafski vešnik" from the first issue in 1919 to date.

From the Government Printing Office for the Zeta Department at Cetinje, the "Sluzhbeni Glasnik zvanichni organ Zetska oblasti" (Official gazette of the Zeta Department), from the first volume in 1924 to date.

SIAM. From the legation in Washington: "Siam: treaties with foreign powers, 1920–1927, edited by Phya Kalyan Maitri (Francis Bowes Sayre), jurisconsult to Ministry of Foreign Affairs; former adviser in foreign affairs to His Siamese Majesty. Published by order of the Royal Siamese Government, H. H. Prince Traidos Prabandi, Minister for Foreign Affairs," [Norwood, Mass., Plimpton Press], 1928. 3 leaves, 280 p. 24 cm.

SOUTH AFRICA, UNION OF: The clerk of the Provincial Council of Natal at Pietermaritzburg, furnished a complete set of the "Minutes (votes and proceedings) of the Provincial Council" from the first session in 1911 to the second session of the sixth council in 1928. The clerk of the Provincial Council of Transvaal at Pretoria presented the "Votes and proceedings of the Provincial Council" from the first session in 1911 to the second session of the sixth council in 1928 (with the exception of 1913 and 1917–18, vol. 2). The clerk of the Provincial Council of Cape of Good Hope was able to furnish only vol. 19–22, 1925–1928, of the "Minutes and ordinances (records) of the Provincial Council."

Under the South Africa act, 1909, the Colonies of the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Transvaal, and the Orange River Colony became original Provinces in the Union of South Africa. The colonial parliaments were each succeeded by provincial councils having authority to make ordinances relating to levying direct taxes and borrowing money for provincial purposes, establishing and regulating hospitals, charitable institutions, municipal institutions, local works and undertakings, roads, bridges, markets and pounds, fish and game preservation, elementary education, etc. These provincial ordinances are included as supplements to the proceedings of the provincial councils.

SPAIN. A considerable collection of the "Guía oficial de España" has been acquired, including those for 1752, 1770–1777, 1785–1790, 1792–1805, 1815–1823, 1825–1835, 1837–1848, 1850–1854, 1879, 1880, 1882, 1883, 1886. The title of this official handbook was earlier "Kalendario manual" and also "Guía de forasteros en Madrid." With the corresponding years of the official handbook are bound the following: (a) "Estado militar de España," 1771–1774, 1776, 1777, 1785–1790, 1792–1805, 1815–1823, 1825–

1835, 1837–1848, 1850–1854, (*b*) "Guía de litigantes y pretendientes," 1793, 1799, 1800, 1802, 1803, 1818, 1822, 1828, and (*c*) "Guía del estado eclesiastico," 1799.

TANGANYIKA TERRITORY. The government printer at Dar-es-Salaam sent a collection of the Tanganyika Territory Gazette from the first number (June 24, 1919) to date. Proclamations, ordinances, law reports of the high court, applications for registration of trade-marks, and monthly statistics of imports and exports are included in the Gazette. The publication has an especial interest as illustrating the development of a portion of the former colony of German East Africa under the mandate assigned to Great Britain and approved by the Council of the League of Nations in July 1922.

TRAVANCORE. Through the assistance of Richard R. Willey, American vice consul, Madras, India, a collection of Travancore government publications was presented by the chief secretary to the government of Travancore. The following were among the principal publications included:

(1) Travancore Land Revenue Manual.
(2) State Manual of Travancore.
(3) Report on the Administration of Travancore, 1909/10–1926/27.
(4) Statistics of Travancore, 1st–8th issue.
(5) Travancore Legislative Council Proceedings, 1922–1928.

In regard to the "List of the Serial Publications of Foreign Governments" mentioned in the previous report: The committee has issued two sections, covering Latin America and the British Overseas Empire (except Canada), in a preliminary edition. Attempting to follow the plan of the "Union List of Serials," the committee has asked libraries to record holdings, to amend and correct entries, and to note, with as complete bibliographical data as is possible, other serials not listed which should be included. That the "Union List of Serials" was possible was due in great measure to the vast accumulation of bibliographical data available in lists and library catalogues. For foreign government publications, only a scant amount of such bibliographical data is available.[27] In many libraries, and for all but a few semiscientific government serial publications, *accurate entries remain to be made.* Indeed, adequate information for such a list can only be attained after de-

[27] The situation is outlined in "An account of government document bibliography in the United States and elsewhere," prepared in this division and printed in 1927.

tailed entries have been prepared by careful examination of material, and correlated upon the basis of the constitutional and administrative development of the various countries.

Three events seem particularly outstanding in regard to State publications:

First. On April 19, 1929, Governor Cooper of Ohio approved the following act of the Eighty-eighth General Assembly of Ohio, to become effective July 22, 1929:

SECTION I. That section 2279 of the General Code be supplemented by the enactment of an additional section of the General Code, to read as follows:

SEC. 2279–I. The secretary of state shall forward to the document division of the Library of Congress two copies of all reports of elective and appointive State officers, of all journals and all other publications forwarded to him by the department of finance; also seven copies of laws in bound form and seven copies of all appropriation laws in separate form. Every department, commission, board, officer, or other administrative agency of the State, whose publications are not distributed through the secretary of state, shall forward to the document division of the Library of Congress two copies of each report, pamphlet, or other publication issued by such department, commission, board, or other administrative agency.

The bill was prepared by Mr. C. B. Galbreath, secretary of the Ohio State Archæological and Historical Society, Columbus, and at his suggestion was introduced in the general assembly and supported by the Hon. W. H. Van Fossen. It is hoped that other States will follow the example of Ohio in providing by law for a similar distribution of all their State publications to the Library of Congress.

Second. In Pennsylvania, John C. Dight, director of the State bureau of publications, which handles all printing, publishing, and distribution of books, documents, maps, etc., for all departments of the Commonwealth, began, in November, 1928, sending currently as issued copies of all official publications of the Commonwealth.

Third. In Indiana, through the effort of Louis J. Bailey, the State librarian, the following amendment of the State printing act was enacted:

For the purpose of securing a limited number of copies of the laws and journals of the general assembly, the governor's

yearbook, the Indiana historical collections, the reports of the supreme and appellate courts and other official state publications, for permanent preservation in libraries and elsewhere, which will be more durable and less susceptible of rapid dissolution and decay than copies of such publications which are printed on book or pamphlet paper, the board of public printing is hereby authorized, in its discretion, to provide for the printing of a limited number of copies of such publications, to be determined by the board, on rag paper.[28]

Further volumes of the "Votes and proceedings of the Lower House of Assembly of the Province of Maryland," were acquired as follows: Oct. 2–Nov. 17, 1753, May 8–30, 1754, July 17–25, 1754, June 23–July 8, 1755, Sept. 14–Oct. 9, 1756.

The circulation of the "Monthly Check-List of State Publications" is 1,392, substantially the same as last year. One complete set, beginning with volume 1 (1910), was assembled from the reserve stock for a university library in New York City.

Among municipal publications of more than ordinary interest received by the division are a number of recent volumes of compiled ordinances from American cities as follows:

Akron, Ohio: Charter and revised ordinances, 1927.
Alexandria, Va.: Ordinances, 1929.
Berkeley, Calif.: General ordinances, 1928.
Camden, N. J.: Ordinances, 1925.
Chillicothe, Ohio: Revised ordinances, 1928.
Cleveland, Ohio: Municipal code, 1924, with supplement to April, 1929.
Concord, N. H.: Revised ordinances, 1926.
Cumberland, Md.: Charter and general ordinances, 1926.
Detroit, Mich.: Compiled ordinances, 1926.
Kansas City, Mo.: Charter and revised ordinances, 1928.
Louisville, Ky.: General ordinances and city charter, 1927.
Minneapolis, Minn.: City charter and ordinances, 1925.
Oklahoma City, Okla.: General ordinances, 1928.
St. Louis, Mo.: Revised code, 1926.
Spokane, Wash.: Charter and general ordinances, 1928.
Tampa, Fla.: Code, 1926.
Youngstown, Ohio: Revised ordinances, 1925.

A further noticeable increase (from 848 to 3,525) in municipal publications received this year is due to our

[28] Laws of the State of Indiana, 1929, p. 89 (ch. 44, sec. 2).

having circularized the larger cities both in the United States and Great Britain in order to complete our files and to obtain new publications being issued currently.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, the accessions to the Library through the division of documents were as follows:

How acquired	Volumes	Pamphlets	Total
Received by virtue of law	3,530	4,208	7,738
Gifts of the Government of the United States in all its branches	752	1,050	1,802
Gifts of State governments	3,732	11,170	14,902
International exchange	13,146	16,006	29,152
Gifts of local governments	1,366	2,159	3,525
Gifts of corporations and associations	113	406	519
By transfer	2,432	2,738	5,170
Total received	25,071	37,737	62,808
By purchase, exchange, deposit, and transfer (counted in accessions division)	804	737	1,541
By binding periodicals [1]	1,560		1,560
Total handled	27,435	38,474	65,909
Maps and charts	10,725		10,725

[1] A total of 5,936 volumes sent to the bindery; 5,657 pamphlets bound into covers.

APPENDIX: Agreement about the Exchange of Official Publications between the Governments of the United States of America and Germany (English text only).

The exchange of official publications between the United States of America and Germany, which was begun in 1874, shall be regulated in the future under the following terms:

I. The official exchange office on the part of Germany is the Reichstauschstelle, in the Reichsministerium des Innern, in cooperation with the Amerika-Institut. The official exchange office on the part of the United States is the Smithsonian Institution.

II. The exchange sendings shall be received on behalf of Germany by the Reichstauschstelle im Reichsminsterium des Innern; on behalf of the United States by the Library of Congress.

III. Germany will furnish regularly in one copy the official publications of the following ministries, offices, and institutions—the following list not to be considered as a complete statement but representing only the present status of Government organization of Germany; the addition of offices created in the future being reserved for special consideration:

[The detailed list of ministries, offices, and institutions is omitted.]

IV. The United States will furnish regularly in one copy a full set of its official publications—the following list of departments, bureaus, offices, and institutions not to be considered as a complete statement but representing only the present status of Government organization of the United States; the addition of offices created in the future being reserved for special consideration:

[The detailed list of departments, bureaus, and institutions is omitted.]

V. Confidential publications, blank forms, and circular letters not of a public nature are to be excluded from this exchange on both sides. In doubtful cases the department concerned shall decide whether the publications come within the categories to be excluded.

VI. So far as offices which at this time issue no publications are mentioned in the agreement, there is the understanding that publications issued in future by the offices shall be furnished in one copy.

VII. Each party to the agreement shall bear the railroad and other charges arising in its own country; each sending office shall pay the ocean freight on outgoing shipments.

VIII. Both parties express their willingness, so far as possible, to expedite shipments.

IX. In case either party desires special series of publications sent by mail, the other party will attempt to comply so far as is possible with the request.

X. This agreement is not concerned with the already existing exchange agreements between the various Government departments, etc., of the two countries.

XI. This agreement is drawn up in both English and German and signed, and the text in either language is equally valid.

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